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PARADE PLANS KEEPING CITY ON QUI VIVE

Entire Population Busily Engaged Decorating Entries for Tomorrow's Event

BUNTING AND FLOWERS
WILL DISGUISE AUTOS

School Section To Be Mammoth—"Melting Pot" Idea Is Carried Out Effectively

Garages, wharves, back yards, warehouses and dozens of other places all over town are scenes of feverish and unrelenting activity today, and hundreds of busy hands and brains are devoted solely towards one great and public-spirited idea—the making of Honolulu's 1914 Floral Parade the greatest and best that it has ever been.

In no part of town is this kind of industry lacking, and in fact it almost seems as though half the population had dropped everything else and turned to decorating automobiles and floats.

The Richards street wharf and the territorial immigration station at the foot of Alakea street are probably scenes of the largest amount of this kind of work. Practically all of the spaces on the big wharf have been brought into service, there being no fewer than eight great, horse-drawn floats in process of making there.

HAWAII THE MELTING POT.

At the immigration station several scores of teachers and pupils are busy as bees disguising common-place automobiles with bunting and other decorations. There are eight different public schools to be represented in the parade, each with an automobile load of children, and by a big automobile float, which will carry 40 more. All these automobiles, are being made ready at this place, and a great deal of good-natured rivalry is evident in connection with it. Each car has its own distinguishing set of colors, corresponding to the colors adopted by the several schools. Territorial superintendent of Schools T. H. Gibson, and most of the school principals have spent the day at the immigration station supervising the work. Mr. Gibson explained that the school section will be led by the automobile float with 40 or more children of all nationalities, wearing their native costumes, just as they come into the Hawaii public schools. The eight automobiles follow, each with a dozen or more girls all in white, who, while still retaining in their features the evidences of their original color, in even greater degree in their dress and bearing their complete Americanization. It is the "Hawaii, the Melting Pot" idea being carried out in most striking manner.

The order which these school automobiles will observe, together with the colors which will identify them, follows:

Liliuokalani school, green and cerise.
Kaulani school, yellow and green.
Kahumahu school, red and green.
Royal school, red and yellow.
Central Grammar school, black and red.
Kalihwaena school, purple and yellow.
McKinley High school, black and gold.

SURPRISES IN STORE.
Those of the committees who have the various sections of the great parade in charge, are a unit in declaring that the parade tomorrow afternoon will by far eclipse any of the previous ones. It is also certain that there will be a number of surprises in store for the spectators, although

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SWIMMING MEET WILL
START AT 9 O'CLOCK
SHARP, SAYS RAWLINS

"At eleven o'clock this morning we were all ready for the swimming meet, and I want to announce emphatically that the first race, the 440-yard event, starts at 9 o'clock sharp tomorrow morning," said Chairman W. T. Rawlins today. "People who want to see this race—and it will be one of the best—will have to be there sharp on time."

"In advance of the meet, I would like to let the public know that I've had a splendid committee working with me and each deserves a lot of credit. Tomorrow morning it is intended that no spectators be allowed on any of the official floats and if the crowd cooperates with the officials, the meet will pass without a hitch."

SUGAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19. — Sugar: 96 degrees test, 3.0768 cents. Previous quotation, 3.1168 cents. Beets: 88 analysis, 9s 11-2d. Parity, 31 cents. Previous quotation, 9s 3-4d.

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From left to right—Miss Marie Holt, Oahu princess; Mrs. Lipi Kenloha Kula, Kauai; Mrs. Ellen Jones-Smith, Molokai; Miss Louise Robinson, Maui; Miss Wilhelmina Weight, Hawaii. Kodograph Print.

SEES BIG RESULTS SERVICES FOR IN OCEAN TRADE WITH HARMONY

James M. Ashton of Tacoma Has Idea of "Kite" Route for Transpacific Carriers

"In my opinion the Chamber of Commerce, and the existing shipping companies of Honolulu should place themselves on intimate terms with similar organizations in Seattle and Tacoma and, as far as possible, in British Columbia, in order that a 'kite' route for ocean trade may be established along harmonious and successful lines. Such a project is bound to come. These conditions, to my mind will arise with the opening of the Panama Canal, and the quicker the large cities of the northwest and Honolulu and Hilo get busy in the undertaking of further developing this trade to the best advantage, the quicker and greater will be the results."

James M. Ashton, a prominent attorney of Tacoma, Washington, and the northwest, who, with Mrs. Ashton, is visiting in Honolulu, Wednesday made the foregoing statement at the Young Hotel. Mr. Ashton is well qualified to speak on the matter of Hawaii tightening the bonds of her ship-riding relations with the cities of the Pacific coast from the fact that, beside having given considerable attention to the matter, at present he is counsel for three of the leading steamship companies now operating on the Pacific coast. Mr. Ashton's political career is noteworthy. In 1910 he ran against Miles Poindexter for United States senator from Washington, and in 1900 made one of the leading addresses at the national convention at Philadelphia, seconding the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt for president. In military life, he now holds the rank of brigadier-general of the national guard of Washington and was

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SWIMMERS OUT TO MAKE RECORDS WORLD MARKS MAY BE LOWERED

Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock some of the world's speediest swimmers will make an attempt to establish new world's records. The swimming course this year is in the navy slip, and this arrangement will allow for many more bleacher seats than last year. Following is the compilation of Hawaiian and world's swimming records, for reference when the times are hung up tomorrow. The records are given by the Star-Bulletin after consultation and comparison with figures kept by several local statisticians, and are believed to be authentic, although as the records made during 1913 are not officially published yet, there is a chance that some of the marks were bettered above the latter part of last year.

HAWAIIAN RECORDS.

*50 yards—D. P. Kahanamoku 24 seconds
*100 yards—D. P. Kahanamoku 55 1-5 seconds
220 yards—D. P. Kahanamoku 2 minutes 34 3-5 seconds
440 yards—D. P. Kahanamoku 5 minutes 37 4-5 seconds
880 yards—Vincent Genoves 13 minutes 36 4-5 seconds
One mile—Frederick Wilhelm 27 minutes 45 seconds
*50 yards for women—Miss Ruth Stacker 31 seconds
25 yards for women—Helen Rosa 17 seconds
*American records for open water.

WORLD'S RECORDS.

*50 yards—A. Wickham 23 3-5 seconds
100 yards—D. P. Kahanamoku 54 3-5 seconds
220 yards—W. Longworth 2 minutes 27 2-5 seconds
440 yards—W. Longworth 5 minutes 6 2-5 seconds
880 yards—B. Kieran 11 minutes 13 3-5 seconds
One mile—B. Kieran 33 minutes 16 4-5 seconds
*50 yards for women—Miss Fanny Durack 30 seconds
*Kahanamoku made this distance in 22 3-5 in the Olympic Club tank, with one turn, but not in competition.

MURDERERS ARE HUNTED FOR IN S. S. SONOMA

German Colony in Samoan Islands Incensed Over Killing of Plantation Men

Under the opinion that the Oceanic liner Sonoma was the hiding place of men implicated in the murder of four copra planters of German Samoa the steamship officials called upon the Honolulu police to aid in a final search of the vessel for the stowaways this morning. It was the belief of the officers that the men wanted by the authorities of the south Pacific group had succeeded in stowing away in the American steamer during its brief visit at Pago Pago. The desired men were not discovered.

The Germany colony in the Samoan islands was plunged into a reign of terror at the time of call of the Sonoma. Trouble between the "feita-feita" or native police and a delegation of Chinese plantation laborers brought about a riot which terminated in the death of the planters, and the calling out of a company of marines to restore order.

In effecting the arrest of a number of Chinese, charged with gambling, the native police received rough treatment. The Chinese were landed in a prison at Apia, the port of entry for German Samoa. On the evening previous to the arrival of the Sonoma, several of the Chinese succeeded in making their escape. The trail was immediately taken up by the authorities and assisted by the police a large sized man hunt was soon in progress. In the melee several "feita-feita" were jailed and these also gained their liberty, secured arms and then made a demand upon the planters, that the escaped Chinese be restored to them for trial upon a charge of gambling.

The employers are declared to have refused the request made by the native police, who are alleged to have backed up the demand with a force of arms.

In a fight that followed the police leveled their weapons upon a delegation of planters and foremen with the result that four are dead and others badly wounded.

Excitement ran high at Apia and at the American settlement and naval station at Pago Pago. The German authorities wireless for assistance.

If any of the men now sought gained the Sonoma then at Pago Pago, they defied the combined efforts of the steamship officers and local police to discover their hiding place. Three stowaways were found but these men did not in the least answer the description forwarded to Captain Trask and his officers from Apia. The voyage from Samoa to the Hawaiian islands was declared a pleasant one by Purser Pray upon arrival at Honolulu at daylight this morning. The American steamer is carrying a record list of second-class passengers, destined for San Francisco.

The Honolulu list included 6 cabin, 7 second-class and 3 steerage passengers.

Proceeding to San Francisco are 33 cabin, 17 second-class and 15 steerage travelers.

Before sailing for San Francisco at 5 o'clock this afternoon the Sonoma will be discharged of 292 tons of general cargo and 150,000 pounds of refrigerated meat. The Sonoma carries a through cargo amounting to 1220 tons. Sixteen sacks of Australian mail were landed here this morning.

Floral Parade Extra Edition 5 p. m. Tomorrow

The Star-Bulletin will issue a
FLORAL PARADE EXTRA, 5
o'clock tomorrow afternoon con-
taining—
Full account of the 1914 Floral
Parade, descriptions of decorated
autos, floats and other features.
PICTURES! PICTURES!
Up-to-the-minute photographs of
picturesque parade events and
beautiful entries.
A corps of writers and photog-
raphers will combine their efforts
to cover the day thoroughly. Late
news of sporting events included.
The extra will be held on the
streets during the late afternoon
and evening. Better leave ad-
vance orders at the Star-Bulletin
office, Alakea street, above King.
VISITORS: You will want to
send this edition to your friends.
Order IN ADVANCE.

VENERABLE FIRE CLAIMS BOBBING UP ONCE AGAIN

Ancient Bill Resurrected for
Teenth Time and Started to
Death-Chamber Anew

By C. S. ALBERT.

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—An old, familiar name and face has bobbed up in the senate. The form and figure are well known to all Hawaiians. Age has made the step less elastic and wrinkling has stooped the shoulders. The beard has whitened and lengthened into whiskers. Otherwise, the likeness is unchanged.

The bill to reimburse fire insurance companies for payments made on property destroyed by fire in suppressing the bubonic plague has been favorably reported and reposes on the calendar. It is ready for action. It usually passes the senate and meets a painless death in the house. It has been cheerily plunging along for some 13 years. Time and trouble account for the development of whiskers, where only a beard existed previously.

The bill contains the same old account of the matter:

"The total amount provided for is \$82,975, of which \$13,400 is for American companies, \$30,800 for German companies, and \$38,775 for English companies. After the fire, which was ordered by the government of the United States, Congress promptly recognized the liability of the government for all losses sustained by reason thereof, and paid said losses, with the exception of the losses paid to the policyholders by the insurance companies.

"The recommendation made does not include any accrued interest, costs of suit, or attorneys' fees. The English and German governments have, through their respective ambassadors, made representations to this government respecting the payment of the claims of the companies of their respective governments, and the secretary of state at the time (Honorable Elihu Root), having investigated the situation, recommended such legislation. This recommendation is concurred in by his successor, the present secretary of state. (See correspondence attached.)

"A plague existed in Honolulu. The authorities decided that it could be stamped out only by burning and destroying this property."

"The companies made the defense that, since the government had destroyed the property, they should not be held to pay the loss, but the courts held otherwise and the companies were compelled to pay. They became subrogated to all of the rights of the property owners and it is the plain duty of the government to pay back to the companies the amounts they were thus compelled to pay because of the act of the government in destroying the property."

MYSTERIOUS FIRE AT SCHOFIELD DESTROYS RECREATION ROOM

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]
SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Feb. 20.—Fire of a mysterious origin broke out here shortly before 11 o'clock last night, destroyed the recreation room of E troop 4th cavalry, damaged a portion of the quarters of the same troop and was only held in check and finally extinguished through the splendid work of Lieutenant McGill and the handful of men remaining at the post during Carnival week.

According to statements of members of the barracks guard there had been no one in the building since noon yesterday, consequently the origin of the fire is proving a deep puzzle. The damage is estimated at about \$1500, a majority of which will fall upon the members of E troop.

WATER CARNIVAL SEATS!
On page eight is a sketch of the harbor wharves showing numbered sections. Pick out section corresponding to your ticket.

COMMITTEE.

BRITISH SUBJECT EXECUTED IN MEXICO; AMERICANS SAY MURDER; SITUATION SERIOUS

William Benton, of Scotch Birth, and Millionaire Ranch-Owner, Killed After He Had Gone to Gen. Villa and Demanded Satisfaction for Plundering by Rebels—Chieftain Says the Man Was Armed, Which Friends Deny

[Associated Press Cable]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—As a result of the killing of a British subject on Mexican soil, the British ambassador has formally called upon America to protect Britons in Mexico. The government will probably request all subjects of Great Britain to leave the troublesome republic.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 20.—International feeling has been suddenly stirred up and an entirely new aspect put on the face of affairs Mexican by the execution of a British subject by the rebels.

The executed man, William Benton, of Scotch birth and a British subject and resident of Mexico for years, was the owner of a ranch valued at a million dollars and of other Mexican property. He was widely popular among Americans, having business associates here and across the border. It was learned last night that on Tuesday last he was secretly executed at Juarez, which is held under the military rule of Gen. Pancho Villa, chief of the rebel or Constitutional army.

Gen. Villa today confirmed the news of the death for the Associated Press. He withheld the details and soon after the newspaper men had brought the subject up, he left hastily for Chihuahua.

Today the Americans on both sides of the border are intensely excited, proclaiming that Benton's execution was nothing less than wanton murder. A mass-meeting has been called.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—Secretary of State Bryan today ordered an immediate official inquiry into the facts of Benton's death. He also acquainted the British embassy here with the facts so far as are known. The popular understanding of the occurrence is that Benton, who had long known General Villa, called upon the rebel chief to demand satisfaction because the rebels were plundering his ranch. General Villa asserts that Benton was armed, but friends of the dead man deny this.

Col. Goethals Hopes He Won't See Formal Opening of Panama

[Associated Press Cable]

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Referring to the formal opening of the Panama canal and the celebration planned at that time, Col. George W. Goethals, the canal builder and recently named first civil governor of the zone, said today: "The celebration will be a great show, but I hope I won't be there, because I don't like celebrations."

Daniels Proposes Enlisted Men Be Named To Annapolis

[Associated Press Cable]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels has proposed to congressional leaders the introduction of a bill authorizing the secretary of the navy to appoint annually 50 enlisted men to the naval academy at Annapolis. He proposes that after two years of sea-service the 50 men be picked out by competitive examinations for the appointments.

Garrison Asks New High Rank Be Given To Army

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—Secretary of War Garrison today sent a letter to Chairman Hay of the house committee on military affairs declaring that if Congress creates six vice-admirals, it ought also to create the grade of lieutenant-general for the army, otherwise the navy would constantly outrank the army in joint service matters.

California Floods Worse

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 20.—The floods that are ravaging five counties of southern California were reported much worse today, the waters rising several feet at a number of points affected. Heavy rains during the night added to the disaster. A number of people are reported homeless.

All inter-urban communication has been suspended, the waters rising high over tracks and stalling such trains as started to go through. The Vanderbilt cup races, one of the blue-ribbon series of the auto world, have been postponed to February 28.

A cloudburst at Corona did a great deal of damage even to orchards and buildings which had been above the flood level. One man was drowned.

Wilson's Tolls Plans Winning

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—In executive session today, the senate rejected Senator Chamberlain's amendment to the Spanish treaty which would exempt from arbitration the Panama canal tolls question, the immigration question and all other questions likely to involve the Monroe doctrine. The result indicates that Wilson's program for settling the Panama tolls question by arbitration, working through treaties, will carry.

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Carnival Program

SEVENTH DAY—FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20th.

2:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.—Missionary play out of doors in rear of Old Mission House, King street near Kawaiahao church. Continuation of Museum feature.
4:00 p. m.—Baseball at Athletic Park. Sixth game of Inter-Island series. All Service vs. Hawaii.
Tennis matches Pacific Courts. Exhibition tennis.
5:30 p. m. to 7:30 p. m.—Ladies' night at Cafeteria of Y. M. C. A., Hotel, corner of Alakea street.
8:00 p. m.—Grand Water Carnival on Honolulu Harbor. Introducing the Siege of Constantinople.

EIGHTH DAY—SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st

9:00 a. m.—Mid-Pacific Swimming Meet, Honolulu Harbor at foot of Alakea street.
2:30 p. m.—Hawaii's ninth annual Floral Parade forms at Aala Park.
1:00 p. m.—Continuation of Carnival Bowling Tourney at Y. M. C. A. alleys.
3:30 p. m.—Baseball at Athletic Park. Exhibition game between Portuguese Athletic Club and All-Chinese.
7:30 p. m.—Japanese Lantern Parade. Parade forms at Aala park.
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